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HONG KONG, July 11 (AP) William F. Downey left by train Saturday for Communist China to visit his brother, John, a United States Army civilian employe who has been a prisoner there since 1952.

Mr. Downey's family in New Britain, Conn., said last month that William had received approval from the United States State Department for the trip.

John Downey is one of four American civilians being held by the Chinese Communists on spy charges. The others are Richard G. Fecteau, another Army employe from Lynn, Mass.; Hugh F. Redmond, a businessman of Yonkers, N. Y., and Robert E. McCann of Altadena, Calif. They are serving terms ranging from fifteen years to life.

William Downey, who works in the Singapore branch of the First National City Bank of New York, and his mother visited John in prison in January, 1958.

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